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In response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)" dated October 16, 2006, submitted herewith is a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section, which begins on page 2 of this paper and which corrects and replaces the "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Amendment submitted on July 19, 2005. In particular, in claim 4, the status identifier has been changed to "(Currently Amended)".

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